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1. THE MISSION HAS NOW BEEN INFORMED THAT FERNAND SPAAK, DIRECTOR
GENERAL FOR ENERGY IN THE EC COMMISSION, WILL ALSO ATTEND THE
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OECD OIL COMMITTEE AND HLG MEETINGS ON OCTOBER 25.

2. THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF MEETINGS THIS PAST WEEK IN THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE CURRENT INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM SITUATION. THIS SUBJECT WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS THEMSELVES AT THEIR REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING DURING THE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 24.

3. IN PREPARATION FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS, THE NEW EC HYDROCARBON SUPPLIES COMMITTEE, WHICH INCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES OF THE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES OF THE MEMBER STATES AS WELL AS COMMISSION OFFICIALS, MET IN BRUSSELS ON OCTOBER 23. A MAJOR SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION IN THAT MEETING WAS INTRA-COMMUNITY MOVEMENTS AND EXPORTS OUTSIDE THE COMMUNITY OF REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS. THIS COMMITTEE HAS RECOMMENDED TO THE COMMISSION THAT IT REMIND MEMBER STATES THAT RESTRICTIONS ON MOVEMENTS OF OIL AND REFINED PRODUCTS BETWEEN MEMBER STATES OF THE COMMUNITY IS CONTRARY TO PROVISIONS OF THE TREATY OF ROME.

4. A COMMON HYDROCARBONS EXPORT SYSTEM, WHICH WAS ONE OF THE FEATURES OF THE COMMON ENERGY POLICY PROPOSED TO THE COUNCIL BY THE COMMISSION LAST SUMMER, IS NOT YET IN FORCE, AND EACH MEMBER STATE IS THEREFORE FREE TO DECIDE WHAT IT WISHES TO DO IN THIS FIELD. THE COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER ON OCTOBER 24 A SYSTEM OF AUTOMATIC EXPORT LICENSES FOR EXPORT OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TO THIRD COUNTRIES. WE ARE TOLD THAT FOR THE TIME BEING THIS SYSTEM WILL BE FOR SURVEILLANCE PURPOSES ONLY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ACCURATE AND CURRENT INFORMATION TO THE COMMISSION ON THE MOVEMENT OF OIL PRODUCTS OUTSIDE THE COMMUNITY. OF THE MEMBER STATES, ONLY ITALY HAS INSTITUTED SUCH AN EXPORT SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM AT THE PRESENT TIME. GREENWALD

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